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PROSPECTUS

Aleris International, Inc.

Exchange Offer For

\$600,000,000 9%/9³/₄% Senior Notes due 2014

\$400,000,000 10% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016

We are offering to exchange up to \$600,000,000 of our new 9%/9³/₄% Senior Notes due 2014, which we refer to as the senior exchange notes, for up to \$600,000,000 of our outstanding 9%/9³/₄% Senior Notes due 2014, which we refer to as the outstanding senior notes. We are also offering to exchange up to \$400,000,000 of our new 10% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016, which we refer to as the senior subordinated exchange notes, for up to \$400,000,000 of our currently outstanding 10% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016, which we refer to as the outstanding senior subordinated notes. We refer to the outstanding senior notes and the outstanding senior subordinated notes collectively as the outstanding notes, the senior exchange notes and the senior subordinated exchange notes collectively as the exchange notes, and the outstanding notes and the exchange notes collectively as the notes. The exchange notes are substantially identical to the outstanding notes, except that the exchange notes have been registered under the federal securities laws, are not subject to transfer restrictions and are not entitled to certain registration rights relating to the outstanding notes. The exchange notes will represent the same debt as the outstanding notes and we will issue the exchange notes under the same indenture as the outstanding notes.

There is no existing public market for the outstanding notes or the exchange notes offered hereby. We do not intend to list the exchange notes on any securities exchange or seek approval for quotation through any automated trading system.

The exchange offer will expire at 12:00 a.m., New York City time on August 21, 2007, unless we extend it.

Broker-dealers receiving exchange notes in exchange for outstanding notes acquired for their own account through market-making or other trading activities must acknowledge that they will deliver this prospectus in any resale of the exchange notes. The letter of transmittal states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of the exchange notes received in exchange for outstanding notes where such outstanding notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. We have agreed that, for a period of 180 days after the expiration date of the exchange offer, we will make this prospectus available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. See Plan of Distribution.

You should consider carefully the Risk Factors beginning on page 17 of this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of the prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is July 23, 2007.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

As used in this prospectus, unless the context indicates otherwise:

the terms Aleris, we, our, us and the Company refer to Aleris International, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries;

references to Corus Aluminum are to Corus Aluminium Rolled Products BV, Corus Aluminium NV, Corus Aluminium GmbH, Corus Aluminium Corp., Corus Hylite BV and Hoogovens Aluminium Europe Inc. and certain of their subsidiaries, Corus LP, Corus Aluminum Inc. and a 61% shareholding in Corus Aluminium Extrusions Tianjin Company Limited, which collectively comprised the downstream aluminum business of Corus, and which are referred to as the Fabricator Group in the related historical condensed combined financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus;

references to Corus are to Corus Group plc and its subsidiaries, from whom we purchased Corus Aluminum on August 1, 2006;

the term Acquisition means the merger of Merger Sub with and into Aleris through which we became a wholly owned subsidiary of Holdings;

references to Holdings are to Aurora Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a company formed by TPG for the purposes of acquiring us;

references to Merger Sub are to Aurora Acquisition Merger Sub, Inc., a company formed by TPG for the purposes of acquiring us;

references to the Sponsor are to the investment funds affiliated with TPG Advisors IV, Inc. and TPG Advisors V, Inc. that made the equity investment to fund a portion of the cash consideration paid as part of the merger;

references to TPG are to the Texas Pacific Group;

references to the 9% notes are to the \$125.0 million principal amount of 9% senior unsecured notes due 2014, for which we completed a cash tender offer and consent solicitation on August 1, 2006 and effected a legal defeasance on August 2, 2006 that resulted in the discharge of our obligations under the 9% notes and the indenture governing the 9% notes;

references to the 10³/₈% notes are to the \$210.0 million principal amount of 10³/₈% senior secured notes due 2010, for which we completed a cash tender offer and consent solicitation on August 1, 2006, effected a covenant defeasance on August 2, 2006 that terminated our obligations with respect to substantially all of the remaining restrictive covenants on the 10³/₈% notes and effected the satisfaction and discharge of the indenture governing the 10³/₈% notes on October 20, 2006, including the release of all liens on the collateral securing the 10³/₈% notes;

the term old credit facilities refers to (i) the \$750.0 million senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility (the old revolving credit facility), (ii) the \$650.0 million senior secured term loan facility (the old term loan facility) and (iii) the \$505.0 million senior unsecured credit facility (the old senior unsecured facility), each as entered into on August 1, 2006 in conjunction with the acquisition of Corus Aluminum;

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the term Transactions refers to (i) the Acquisition, (ii) the equity investments made as part of the merger funding, (iii) the offering of the outstanding senior notes and the outstanding senior subordinated notes, (iv) the execution of the \$750.0 million amended and restated senior secured asset based revolving credit facility (the revolving credit facility), (v) the execution of the amended and restated senior secured term loan facility (the term loan facility and together with the revolving credit facility, the 2006 credit facilities) and (vi) the payment of costs related to these transactions; and

the term 2005 Acquisitions refers to the acquisition of (i) ALSCO Holdings, Inc. (ALSCO) on October 3, 2005 (a manufacturer and fabricator of aluminum sheet products for the building and

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construction industry), (ii) Alumitech, Inc. (Alumitech) on December 12, 2005 (an aluminum recycler and salt cake processor), (iii) Tomra Latasa Reciclagem (Tomra Latasa) on August 23, 2005 (a Brazilian aluminum recycler) and (iv) certain assets of Ormet Corporation (Ormet) on December 20, 2005 (including rolling mill assets, a recycling operation and an aluminum blanking operation).

The financial statements contained in this prospectus include the accounts of Aleris and all of its majority-owned subsidiaries. On December 19, 2006 we were acquired by affiliates of TPG. On December 9, 2004, we acquired Commonwealth Industries, Inc., (Commonwealth) when it merged with one of our wholly-owned subsidiaries, and changed our name from IMCO Recycling Inc. to Aleris International, Inc. This acquisition resulted in the inclusion of the financial condition and results of operations of Commonwealth with ours effective December 9, 2004.

In this prospectus, when we refer to 2004 shipment or financial information presented on a pro forma basis, we are giving pro forma effect to the acquisition of Commonwealth and the financing transactions related thereto as if they had occurred on January 1, 2004, and are including the results of operations of Commonwealth (excluding that of its Alflex subsidiary, which was sold in July 2004) with ours for all of 2004.

When we refer to 2006 shipment or financial information presented on a pro forma basis, we are giving pro forma effect to the Transactions and the acquisition of Corus Aluminum as if they had occurred on January 1, 2006 and are including the results of Corus Aluminum with ours for all of 2006.

Information in this prospectus concerning processing volumes, production capacity, rankings and other industry information, including our general expectations concerning the rolled aluminum products and aluminum and zinc recycling industries, are based on estimates prepared by us using certain assumptions and our knowledge of these industries as well as data from third party sources. This data includes, but is not limited to, data from The Aluminum Association and U.S. Geological Surveys. Such sources generally state that the information contained therein is believed to be reliable, but there can be no assurance as to the accuracy or completeness of included information. We have not independently verified any of the data from third party sources, nor have we ascertained the underlying economic assumptions relied upon therein.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements as defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements should be read in conjunction with the cautionary statements and other important factors included in this prospectus under Summary, Risk Factors, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Business, which include descriptions of important factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. Our expectations, beliefs and projections are expressed in good faith, and we believe we have a reasonable basis to make these statements through our management's examination of historical operating trends, data contained in our records and other data available from third parties, but there can be no assurance that our management's expectations, beliefs or projections will result or be achieved.

The discussions of our financial condition and results of operations may include various forward-looking statements about future costs and prices of commodities, production volumes, market trends, demand for our products and services and projected results of operations. Statements contained in this prospectus that are not historical in nature are considered to be forward-looking statements. They include statements regarding our expectations, hopes, beliefs, estimates, intentions or strategies regarding the future. The words believe, expect, anticipate, intend, estimate, will, look forward to and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements set forth in this prospectus regarding, among other things, achievement of anticipated cost savings and synergies, estimates of volumes, revenues, profitability and net income in future quarters, future prices and demand for our products, and estimated cash flows and sufficiency of cash flows to fund capital expenditures, reflect only our expectations regarding these matters. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

our success in (and the costs of) integrating acquired businesses into Aleris;

our ability to successfully implement our business strategy;

the cyclical nature of the metals industry, our end-use segments and our customers' industries;

our ability to retain the services of certain members of our management;

our ability to continue to generate positive operating results;

our ability to maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures;

increases in the cost of raw material and energy;

our ability to manage effectively our exposure to commodity price fluctuations and changes in the pricing of metals;

the loss of order volumes from any of our largest customers;

our ability to retain customers, a substantial number of which do not have long-term contractual arrangements with us;

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our ability to generate sufficient cash flows to fund our capital expenditure requirements and to meet our debt service obligations;

our ability to fulfill our substantial capital investment requirements;

competitor pricing activity, competition of aluminum with alternative materials and the general impact of competition in the industry segments we serve;

risks of investing in and conducting operations in international countries, including political, social, economic, currency and regulatory factors;

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current environmental liabilities and the cost of compliance with and liabilities under health and safety laws;

labor relations (i.e., disruptions, strikes or work stoppages) and labor costs;

any impairment of goodwill or asset values;

our substantial leverage and debt service obligations;

the possibility that we may incur additional indebtedness in the future;

limitations on operating our business as a result of covenant restrictions under our indebtedness, and our ability to pay amounts due under the notes; and

our ability to repurchase the notes upon a change of control.

Additional risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be different from those expressed or implied in our written or oral forward-looking statements may be found under **Risk Factors** contained in this prospectus.

These factors and other risk factors disclosed in this prospectus and elsewhere are not necessarily all of the important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any of our forward-looking statements. Other unknown or unpredictable factors could also harm our results. Consequently, there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by us will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, us. Given these uncertainties, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus are made only as of the date of this prospectus. Except to the extent required by law, we do not undertake, and specifically decline any obligation, to update any forward-looking statements or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any of such statements to reflect future events or developments.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We and our guarantor subsidiaries have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, a registration statement on Form S-4 under the Securities Act with respect to the exchange notes. This prospectus, which forms a part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement. For further information with respect to us and the exchange notes, reference is made to the registration statement. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete. We file reports and other information with the SEC. The registration statement, such reports and other information can be read and copied at the Public Reference Room of the SEC located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington D.C. 20549. Copies of such materials, including copies of all or any portion of the registration statement, can be obtained from the Public Reference Room of the SEC at prescribed rates. You can call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 to obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room. Such materials may also be accessed electronically by means of the SEC's home page on the Internet (<http://www.sec.gov>).

You may also request copies of these documents, at no cost to you, by contacting us at the following address: Aleris International, Inc., 25825 Science Park Drive, Suite 400, Beachwood, OH 44122-7392, Attn: General Counsel, (216) 910-3500. To obtain timely delivery, holders of original notes must request the information no later than five business days before August 20, 2007, the date they must make their investment decision.

We have agreed that, even if we are not required under the Exchange Act to furnish reports to the SEC, we will nonetheless continue to furnish information that would be required to be furnished by us on Forms 10-Q, 10-K and 8-K if we were subject to Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. See **Description of Senior Exchange Notes** and **Description of Senior Subordinated Exchange Notes**.

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SUMMARY

This summary provides a brief overview of certain information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. Because it is abbreviated, this summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before participating in the exchange offer. We encourage you to read the entire prospectus carefully, including the Risk Factors section, the historical and pro forma financial statements and notes to those financial statements before participating in the exchange offer.

Unless otherwise stated, references to pro forma results of operations and cash flow data give pro forma effect to the Transactions and the acquisition of Corus Aluminum on a combined basis as if they occurred on January 1, 2006.

The Company

Overview

We are a global leader in aluminum rolled and extruded products, aluminum recycling and specification alloy production. We are also a recycler of zinc and a leading U.S. manufacturer of zinc metal and value-added zinc products that include zinc oxide and zinc dust. We generate substantially all of our revenues from the manufacture and sale of these products. We operate 50 production facilities in North America, Europe, South America and Asia. We possess a combination of low-cost, flexible and technically advanced manufacturing operations supported by an industry-leading research and development platform. Our facilities are strategically located and well positioned to service our customers, which include a number of the world's largest companies in the aerospace, building and construction, containers and packaging, metal distribution and transportation industries. On a pro forma basis, we generated revenues of \$6.0 billion in the year ended December 31, 2006, of which approximately 58% were derived from North America and the remaining 42% were derived from the rest of the world.

Since the end of 2004, we have increased revenues and profitability through a combination of internal growth and productivity initiatives for our existing operations and strategic acquisitions. We have grown significantly through the successful completion of five strategic acquisitions targeted at broadening product offerings and geographic presence, diversifying our end-use customer base and increasing our scale and scope. We focus on acquisitions that are accretive to earnings and from which we expect to be able to realize significant operational efficiencies within 12 to 24 months through the integration process. While we have already achieved substantial savings from our acquisition activity, we believe additional significant synergies remain to be realized, including synergies from our recent acquisition of Corus Aluminum completed on August 1, 2006.

We operate our business in the following global segments: global rolled and extruded products; global recycling; and global zinc.

Global Rolled and Extruded Products

We are a producer of rolled aluminum products with leading positions in technically sophisticated applications, including aerospace plate and sheet, brazing sheet and demanding automotive sheet end-uses as well as high-volume applications used in building and construction and general distribution. We produce aluminum sheet, plate and fabricated products using direct-chill and continuous-cast processes. We believe that many of our facilities are state-of-the-art and provide us with proprietary manufacturing processes and a competitive advantage in servicing high-margin, growing end-uses, such as aerospace and heat transfer applications. We compete successfully in these highly technical applications based on our industry-leading research and development capabilities, which have developed over 130 process and alloy patent families. We

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have 20 production facilities that provide rolled and extruded aluminum products to the major aluminum consuming regions worldwide.

Substantially all of our rolled aluminum products are produced in response to specific customer orders. Our more technically advanced products require the use of primary-based alloys for which we have secured long-term supply agreements for approximately 42% of our expected needs through 2010. Our continuous-cast and common alloy sheet production can utilize primary or scrap aluminum, which allows us to optimize input costs and maximize margins. In addition, to further mitigate the impact of metal prices on our profitability, aluminum costs are passed through to customers for approximately 81% of our rolled product sales, and we strive to manage the remaining key commodity risks through our hedging programs.

We are also a leading producer of soft and hard alloy extruded aluminum profiles targeted at end-uses such as the building and construction, electrical, mechanical engineering and transportation sectors. We have four separate product categories which reflect our customers' needs, including industrial extrusions, building systems, hard alloys and rail and transport projects. We currently operate one of the largest extrusion presses in the world, which provides us with the capability to produce high-end, value-added products such as larger profiles in addition to the production of hard alloy extrusions for transportation applications. We operate five extrusion product facilities in Europe and China.

Pro forma for the year ended December 31, 2006, shipments of aluminum rolled and extruded products totaled 2.3 billion pounds, establishing us as the number four producer globally based on volume, which accounted for approximately \$4.0 billion of revenues.

Global Recycling

We are a leading recycler of aluminum and manufacturer of specification alloys serving customers in North America, Europe and South America. Our global recycling operations primarily convert aluminum scrap, dross (a by-product of the melting process) and other alloying agents as needed and deliver the recycled metal and specification alloys in molten or ingot form to our customers. Our recycling operations typically service other aluminum producers and manufacturers, generally under tolling arrangements, where we convert customer-owned scrap and dross and return the recycled metal to our customers for a fee. Our specification alloy operations principally service customers in the automotive industry. For the year ended December 31, 2006, approximately 71% of the total pounds shipped by our recycling and specification alloy operations were under tolling arrangements. Tolling arrangements eliminate our metal commodity exposure and reduce our overall working capital requirements. As we only charge our customers a fee for processing the metal, revenues generated from shipments of tolled material are less than for shipments of owned material. Our global recycling network operates 24 strategically located production plants, with 17 in the United States, two in Brazil, three in Germany, and one in each of Mexico and the United Kingdom.

Pro forma for the year ended December 31, 2006, we shipped 2.9 billion pounds of recycled metal and specification alloys, which accounted for approximately \$1.5 billion of our revenues.

Global Zinc

We process and recycle zinc metal for use in the manufacture of galvanized steel and produce value-added zinc products, primarily zinc oxide and zinc dust, which are used in the vulcanization of rubber products, the production of corrosion-resistant paint and in other specialty chemical applications. We operate six zinc facilities in the United States and are in the process of constructing a zinc recycling facility outside of Shanghai, China.

Pro forma for the year ended December 31, 2006, we shipped 384.1 million pounds of zinc products, which accounted for approximately \$553.2 million of our revenues.

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Our Sponsor

Texas Pacific Group (TPG), founded in 1992, is a global private investment firm with \$30 billion under management with offices in San Francisco, New York, London and throughout Asia. TPG seeks to invest in world-class franchises across a range of industries, including significant industrial-related investments as well as retail businesses, technology, consumer products, airlines and healthcare. Significant investments include investments in leading industrial-related businesses (Texas Genco, Altivity Packaging, Kraton Polymers, British Vita), retailers (Neiman Marcus, J. Crew, Debenhams (UK), Petco), technology companies (Lenovo, SunGard Data Systems, MEMC Electronic Materials, ON Semiconductor, Seagate Technology), branded consumer franchises (Beringer, Burger King, Del Monte, Ducati Motorcycles, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), airlines (Continental, America West), and healthcare companies (IASIS, Oxford Health Plans, Quintiles Transnational).

The Acquisition of Aleris by TPG

On August 7, 2006, we entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with Merger Sub and its parent company, Holdings, pursuant to which each share of our common stock (other than shares held in treasury or owned by Holdings, Merger Sub or any direct or indirect subsidiary of us or Holdings, and other than shares held by stockholders who properly demanded appraisal rights) was converted into the right to receive \$52.50 in cash, without interest and less any required withholding taxes. As a result of the merger, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Holdings is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Investors (as defined below). The merger was structured as a reverse subsidiary merger, under which Merger Sub was merged with and into us at the closing on December 19, 2006, and we are the surviving corporation. As the surviving corporation in the merger, we assumed by operation of law all of the rights and obligations of Merger Sub, including under the notes and related indentures. We refer to the merger of Merger Sub with and into Aleris through which we became a wholly owned subsidiary of Holdings as the Acquisition.

The amount of equity contributions made as part of the Acquisition funding was \$848.8 million, consisting of amounts contributed by (i) investment funds associated with TPG (collectively, the Sponsor Funds) and (ii) certain of our executive officers and members of our senior management (the Management Participants). We refer to the Sponsor Funds and the Management Participants collectively as the Investors.

TPG financed the purchase of Aleris through application of the proceeds from the outstanding notes, initial borrowings under the 2006 credit facilities, the equity investments described above and our cash on hand. The closing of the Acquisition occurred simultaneously with the closing of the offering of the outstanding notes, the closing of the 2006 credit facilities and the equity investments described above.

As a result of the Acquisition, we are a wholly-owned subsidiary of Holdings and the Investors directly or indirectly own all of our equity interests. Holdings is an entity that was formed in connection with the Transactions and has no assets or liabilities other than the shares of Aleris.

We refer to these transactions, including the Acquisition and our payment of the costs related to these transactions, collectively as the Transactions. In connection with the Transactions, we incurred significant indebtedness and became highly leveraged. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Highlights of the Year Ended December 31, 2006 and Liquidity and Capital Resources December 2006 Refinancing and Note B and Note K of our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus for a description of the Acquisition, the 2006 credit facilities and the outstanding notes.

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The Acquisition of Corus Aluminum by Aleris

On August 1, 2006, we consummated the acquisition of Corus Aluminum, which included Corus's aluminum rolling and extrusion businesses but not Corus's primary aluminum smelters. Aggregate net cash consideration for the acquisition was 695.5 million (approximately \$885.7 million), subject to adjustment based on the finalization of the working capital delivered and net debt assumed. We currently estimate that the purchase price adjustment will be approximately \$65.0 million (approximately 49.0 million) and have included this amount in our determination of the purchase price allocation and as a current accrued liability in our audited consolidated balance sheet included elsewhere in this prospectus. Corus Aluminum generated revenues of \$1,850.0 million in 2005.

The acquisition of Corus Aluminum expanded our product offering, increased our participation in high-growth industry segments and strengthened our technology platform. Corus Aluminum's aircraft plate and sheet and heat exchanger materials introduced new, higher-margin products to our product mix while Corus Aluminum's automotive body sheet and brazing sheet product offering complemented our existing rolled products capabilities. Additionally, we gained the capability to produce high-quality specialized hard alloy extruded products used in the automotive and aerospace sectors, as well as soft alloy extrusions. While the acquisition of Corus Aluminum strengthened our cross-selling opportunities within our existing automotive, building and construction and packaging end-use applications, it also diversified our business into the heavy transportation, aerospace and engineering industries, which are sectors that have demonstrated strong growth characteristics. The acquisition of Corus Aluminum also increased our participation in important international industry segments. For example, we expanded our presence in existing European sectors, such as the German automotive sector, and gained access to the high-growth economy of China.

Recent Developments

On July 3, 2007, we entered into a definitive purchase agreement to (a) acquire all of the issued and outstanding limited or unlimited company interests, shares or other equity interests of Wabash Alloys, L.L.C., Connell Industries Canada Company and Aluminum Recycling Services, S. de R.L. de C.V., (b) acquire all of the assets, properties, rights, privileges, franchises, operations, goodwill and business of Wabash Alloys, S. de R.L. de C.V. (which we refer to as Wabash Mexico and, together with the aforementioned entities, Wabash Alloys), and (c) assume substantially all of the liabilities and obligations of Wabash Mexico, for approximately \$194 million, subject to certain post-closing adjustments. Wabash Alloys produces aluminum casting alloys and molten metal at its seven facilities in the United States, Canada and Mexico, with 2006 revenues of over \$900 million. We refer to this transaction as the Wabash Alloys Acquisition. We currently intend to finance the Wabash Alloys Acquisition from a combination of either cash flows from operations, additional drawdowns of our revolving credit facility or additional debt, which may include term loan credit facilities and bonds.

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Corporate Structure

A simplified overview of our corporate structure is shown in the diagram below. See The Transactions, Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters and Capitalization.

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- (1) Our revolving credit facility provides up to \$750.0 million of senior secured financing, subject to borrowing base limitations. We and certain of our domestic and Canadian subsidiaries, as well as Aleris Switzerland GmbH (referred to in the diagram above as Swiss HoldCo), are borrowers under the revolving credit facility. See Description of Other Indebtedness.
 - (2) Our term loan facility provides senior secured financing, and permits \$825.0 million in borrowings by us and 303.0 million in borrowings by Aleris Deutschland Holding GmbH (referred to in the diagram above as German HoldCo). See Description of Other Indebtedness.
 - (3) All borrowings by foreign subsidiaries under our revolving credit facility and our term loan facility are guaranteed on a senior secured basis by us and substantially all of our wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries and certain of our other foreign subsidiaries. All borrowings by us and each domestic subsidiary borrower under our revolving credit facility and our term loan facility are guaranteed on a senior secured basis by substantially all of our wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries. Aleris International, Inc. also guarantees the borrowings of each domestic subsidiary borrower under our revolving credit facility. The 2006 credit facilities are secured, subject to certain exceptions, by substantially all of our assets and the assets of our guarantors located in the United States, Canada and Europe and the equity of certain of our foreign and domestic direct and indirect subsidiaries. See Description of Other Indebtedness.
 - (4) The outstanding senior notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by each of our restricted subsidiaries that is a wholly-owned domestic subsidiary and that guarantees our obligations under our 2006 credit facilities.
 - (5) The outstanding senior subordinated notes are guaranteed on a senior subordinated unsecured basis by each of our restricted subsidiaries that is a wholly-owned domestic subsidiary and that guarantees our obligations under our 2006 credit facilities.

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Corporate Information

Aleris is incorporated in the state of Delaware. Our principal executive offices are located at 25825 Science Park Drive, Suite 400, Beachwood, Ohio. Our telephone number is (216) 910-3400.

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The Exchange Offer

On December 19, 2006, we completed a private offering of our outstanding senior notes and our outstanding senior subordinated notes, which we refer to collectively as the outstanding notes. We entered into a registration rights agreement with the initial purchasers in the private offering in which we agreed, among other things, to file the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and to complete an exchange offer for the outstanding senior notes and the outstanding senior subordinated notes. The following is a summary of the exchange offer.

Outstanding Notes

On December 19, 2006, we issued:

\$600.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 9%/9³/₄% senior notes due 2014; and

\$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 10% senior subordinated notes due 2016.

Exchange Notes

\$600.0 million aggregate principal amount of 9%/9³/₄% senior notes due 2014, which we refer to as the senior exchange notes. We refer to the senior exchange notes and the outstanding senior notes collectively as the senior notes.

\$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 10% senior subordinated notes due 2016, which we refer to as the senior subordinated exchange notes. We refer to the senior subordinated exchange notes and the outstanding senior subordinated notes collectively as the senior subordinated notes.

We refer to the outstanding senior notes and the outstanding senior subordinated notes collectively as the outstanding notes. We refer to the senior exchange notes and the senior subordinated exchange notes collectively as the exchange notes, and the outstanding notes and the exchange notes collectively as the notes.

The terms of each series of exchange notes are substantially identical to those terms of the applicable series of outstanding notes, except that the transfer restrictions, registration rights and provisions for additional interest relating to the outstanding notes do not apply to the exchange notes.

Exchange Offer

We are offering exchange notes in exchange for a like principal amount of our outstanding notes. You may tender your outstanding notes for exchange notes by following the procedures described under the heading The Exchange Offer.

Tenders; Expiration Date; Withdrawal

The exchange offer will expire at 12:00 a.m., New York City time, on August 21, 2007, unless we extend it. You may withdraw any outstanding notes that you tender for exchange at any time prior to the expiration of this exchange offer. See The Exchange Offer Terms of the Exchange Offer for a more complete description of the tender and withdrawal period.

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Conditions to the Exchange Offer

The exchange offer is not subject to any conditions, other than that:

the exchange offer does not violate any applicable law or any interpretations of the staff of the SEC;

there is no action or proceeding instituted or threatened in any court or by any governmental agency that in our judgment would reasonably be expected to impair our ability to proceed with the exchange offer or there is a material adverse development in any existing action or proceeding with respect to us; and

we obtain the governmental approvals we deem necessary to obtain for the consummation of the exchange offer.

The exchange offer is not conditioned upon any minimum aggregate principal amount of outstanding notes being tendered in the exchange.

Procedures for Tendering Outstanding Notes

To participate in this exchange offer, you must properly complete and duly execute a letter of transmittal, which accompanies this prospectus, and transmit it, along with all other documents required by such letter of transmittal, to the exchange agent on or before the expiration date at the address provided on the cover page of the letter of transmittal.

In the alternative, you can tender your outstanding notes by book-entry delivery following the procedures described in this prospectus, whereby you will agree to be bound by the letter of transmittal and we may enforce the letter of transmittal against you.

If a holder of outstanding notes desires to tender such notes and the holder's outstanding notes are not immediately available, or time will not permit the holder's outstanding notes or other required documents to reach the exchange agent before the expiration date, or the procedure for book-entry transfer cannot be completed on a timely basis, a tender may be effected pursuant to the guaranteed delivery procedures described in this prospectus. See "The Exchange Offer - How to Tender Outstanding Notes for Exchange."

U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

Your exchange of outstanding notes for exchange notes to be issued in the exchange offer will not result in any gain or loss to you for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" for a summary of U.S. federal tax consequences associated with the exchange of outstanding notes for the exchange notes and the ownership and disposition of those exchange notes.

Use of Proceeds

We will not receive any cash proceeds from the exchange offer.

Exchange Agent

LaSalle Bank National Association, the trustee under the indentures governing the notes, is serving as exchange agent in connection with the exchange offer. The address and telephone number of the exchange agent are set forth under the heading "The Exchange Offer - The Exchange Agent."

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Consequences of Failure to Exchange Your
Outstanding Notes

Outstanding notes not exchanged in the exchange offer will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer that are described in the legend on the outstanding notes. In general, you may offer or sell your outstanding notes only if they are registered under, or offered or sold under an exemption from, the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Except as required by the registration rights agreement, we do not currently intend to register the outstanding notes under the Securities Act. If your outstanding notes are not tendered and accepted in the exchange offer, it may become more difficult for you to sell or transfer your outstanding notes.

Resales of the Exchange Notes

Based on interpretations of the staff of the SEC, we believe that you may offer for sale, resell or otherwise transfer the exchange notes that we issue in the exchange offer without complying with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act if:

you are not a broker-dealer tendering notes acquired directly from us;

you acquire the exchange notes issued in the exchange offer in the ordinary course of your business;

you are not participating, do not intend to participate, and have no arrangement or undertaking with anyone to participate, in the distribution of the exchange notes issued to you in the exchange offer; and

you are not an affiliate of our company, as that term is defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

If any of these conditions are not satisfied and you transfer any exchange notes issued to you in the exchange offer without delivering a proper prospectus or without qualifying for a registration exemption, you may incur liability under the Securities Act. We will not be responsible for, or indemnify you against, any liability you incur.

Any broker-dealer that acquires exchange notes in the exchange offer for its own account in exchange for outstanding notes which it acquired through market-making or other trading activities must acknowledge that it will deliver this prospectus when it resells or transfers any exchange notes issued in the exchange offer. See Plan of Distribution for a description of the prospectus delivery obligations of broker-dealers.

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The Exchange Notes

The summary below describes the principal terms of the exchange notes. Certain of the terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. A more detailed description of the terms and conditions of the exchange notes is set forth in Description of Senior Exchange Notes and Description of Senior Subordinated Exchange Notes.

Issuer	Aleris International, Inc.
Securities Offered	
Senior Exchange Notes	\$600,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 9%/9 ³ / ₄ % senior notes due 2014.
Senior Subordinated Exchange Notes	\$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 10% senior subordinated notes due 2016.
Maturity	The senior exchange notes will mature on December 15, 2014. The senior subordinated exchange notes will mature on December 15, 2016.
Interest Payment Dates	Interest on the senior exchange notes will be payable on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing June 15, 2007. Interest on the senior subordinated exchange notes will be payable on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing on June 15, 2007.
Form of Interest Payment	
Senior Exchange Notes	We will pay interest on the senior exchange notes for the initial interest period in cash. For any interest period thereafter through December 15, 2010, we may elect to pay interest on the senior exchange notes, at our option: entirely in cash (cash interest); entirely by increasing the principal amount of the senior notes (PIK interest); or 50% cash interest and 50% PIK interest. Cash interest will accrue at a rate of 9% per annum, and PIK interest will accrue at a rate of 9 ³ / ₄ % per annum. If we elect to pay PIK interest, we will increase the principal amount of the senior exchange notes in an amount equal to the amount of PIK interest for the applicable interest period (rounded up to the nearest \$1,000 in the case of global notes and to the nearest whole dollar in the case of senior notes in certificated form) to holders of senior exchange notes on the relevant record date. The senior exchange notes will bear

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interest on the increased principal amount thereof from and after the applicable interest payment date on which a payment of PIK interest is made. We must elect the form of interest payment with respect to each interest period prior to the beginning of the applicable interest period. In the absence of such an election or proper notification of such election to the trustee, interest will be payable entirely in cash. After December 15, 2010, we must pay all interest on the senior notes entirely in cash.

Senior Subordinated Exchange In cash.

Ranking The senior exchange notes will be our unsecured senior obligations and will:

rank senior in right of payment to our existing and future debt and other obligations that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the senior exchange notes, including the senior subordinated notes;

rank equally in right of payment to all of our existing and future debt and other obligations (including under our 2006 credit facilities) that are not, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the senior exchange notes; and

be effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of our existing and future secured debt (including under our 2006 credit facilities), to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt, and be structurally subordinated to all existing and future debt and other obligations, including trade payables, of each of our subsidiaries that is not a guarantor of the senior exchange notes.

Similarly, the senior exchange note guarantees will be unsecured senior obligations of the guarantors and will:

rank senior in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor s existing and future debt and other obligations that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to such guarantor s senior exchange note guarantee, including such guarantor s guarantee of the senior subordinated exchange notes;

rank equally in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor s existing and future debt and other obligations that are not, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to such guarantor s senior exchange note guarantee, including such guarantor s guarantee of our 2006 credit facilities; and

be effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor s existing and future secured debt (including such guarantor s guarantee under our 2006 credit facilities), to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt, and be structurally subordinated to all existing and future

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debt and other obligations, including trade payables, of each of such guarantor's subsidiaries that do not guarantee the senior exchange notes.

The senior subordinated exchange notes will be our unsecured senior subordinated obligations and will:

be subordinated in right of payment to our existing and future senior debt, including the senior exchange notes and our 2006 credit facilities;

rank equally in right of payment to all of our existing and future senior subordinated debt;

be structurally subordinated to all existing and future debt and other obligations, including trade payables, of each of our subsidiaries that is not a guarantor of the senior subordinated exchange notes; and

rank senior in right of payment to all of our existing and future debt and other obligations that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the senior subordinated exchange notes.

Similarly, the senior subordinated exchange note guarantees are the unsecured senior subordinated obligations of the guarantors and:

are subordinated in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor's existing and future senior debt, including such guarantor's guarantee of the senior exchange notes and our 2006 credit facilities;

rank equally in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor's existing and future senior subordinated debt;

are structurally subordinated to all of the applicable guarantor's existing and future debt and other obligations, including trade payables, of each of such guarantor's subsidiaries that do not guarantee the senior subordinated exchange notes; and

rank senior in right of payment to all existing and future debt and other obligations that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to such guarantor's senior subordinated exchange note guarantee.

As of March 31, 2007, we had \$1,623.7 million of secured senior debt, including approximately \$23.3 million in respect of letters of credit, and excluding up to an additional \$388.7 million of unused commitments, net of outstanding letters of credit, that we were able to borrow under our 2006 credit facilities to which the exchange notes would be effectively subordinated, as well as an additional \$600.0 million of unsecured senior debt to which the senior subordinated exchange notes would be subordinated.

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Guarantees	All of our restricted subsidiaries that are domestic subsidiaries and that guarantee our obligations under the 2006 credit facilities unconditionally guarantee the exchange notes.
Mandatory Redemption	A portion of the senior notes is subject to mandatory redemption in the circumstances described, and at the redemption prices referred to, under Description of Senior Exchange Notes Mandatory Redemption; Offer to Purchase, Open Market Purchases.
Optional Redemption	<p>Prior to December 15, 2010, we may redeem some or all of the senior exchange notes at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the applicable premium set forth under Description of Senior Exchange Notes Optional Redemption. Beginning on December 15, 2010, we may redeem some or all of the senior exchange notes at the redemption prices listed under Description of Senior Exchange Notes Optional Redemption plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date.</p> <p>Prior to December 15, 2011, we may redeem some or all of the senior subordinated exchange notes at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the applicable premium set forth under Description of Senior Subordinated Exchange Notes Optional Redemption. Beginning on December 15, 2011, we may redeem some or all of the senior subordinated exchange notes at the redemption prices listed under Description of Senior Subordinated Exchange Notes Optional Redemption plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date.</p>
Optional Redemption After Certain Equity Offerings	<p>At any time (which may be more than once) until December 15, 2009, we can choose to redeem up to 35% of the original aggregate principal amount of the exchange notes of either series (plus the aggregate principal amount of any additional notes of such series issued after the issue date) with money that we raise in certain equity offerings, so long as:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">we pay 109% of the face amount of the senior exchange notes or 110% of the face amount of the senior subordinated exchange notes, as applicable, plus accrued and unpaid interest;</p>